

REMARKS

Claims 6-12 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

I. Examiner Interview

Applicant's attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the personal interview conducted on January 26, 2007. During the interview, claims 6, 11, and 12 were discussed, and the Examiner agreed that these claims are allowable over the prior art of record. Also, the arguments presented in this Amendment summarize the arguments presented during the interview.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,584,328 to Kung ("Kung") and U.S. Patent No. 6,381,637 to Kamada ("Kamada")

Claims 6-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kung and Kamada. Applicant submits that the claims are patentable over the cited references.

A. Claim 6

For example, claim 6 states that, in response to a predetermined event, a communication terminal begins to establish a communication line to create a communication session between the terminal and an information center. Also, the predetermined event occurs before a user instructs the communication terminal to transmit initial data to the information center. Additionally, the communication terminal transmits the initial data to the information center before the communication terminal transmits any other data to the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Kung does not suggest

the claimed features. Also, during the interview, the Examiner acknowledged that Kamada does not suggest the claimed features.

Specifically, Fig. 19 and columns 15 and 16, of Kamada explain that a computer 241 (*i.e.*, the alleged terminal) may specify a download date and time, and when the current date and time equals the specified date and time, the terminal 241 connects to a computer 243 (*i.e.*, the alleged information center). After the terminal 241 and center 243 are connected, the terminal 241 downloads various information from the center 243, stores it in a secondary storage unit (Fig. 17(a)), and disconnects from the center 243.

While the terminal 241 is disconnected from the center 243, the user can access the information stored in the secondary storage unit (Fig. 17(a)). However, if the user selects a link to additional information that is not stored in the secondary storage unit, the terminal 241 may automatically connect to the center 243 to download the additional information (Fig. 18 (step 182: No and step 185)).

Column 5, lines 29-35, of Kamada, which the Examiner cites in the rejection, describes the operation of the terminal 241 automatically connecting to the center 243 if the user selects a link to additional information that is not stored in the secondary storage unit (Fig. 17(a)). In such a situation, the terminal 241 connects to the center 243 in response to the user selecting the link.

As such, the alleged terminal 241 does not begin to establish a communication line with the alleged information center 243 to create a communication session in response to a predetermined event, which occurs before the user instructed the terminal 241 to transmit the initial data to the information center 243.

Additionally, column 8, lines 38-61, of Kamada, which the Examiner also cites, describes how the terminal 241 performs an auto-navigation function to automatically access web pages in a “width-first” navigation scheme or a “depth-first” navigation scheme. However, under the “width-first” and “depth-first” navigation schemes, the user presses an auto-navigation button on a remote control 402 to request the terminal 241 to sequentially retrieve a home page and other web pages corresponding to links contained on the home page (column 8, lines 21-26). Thus, the terminal 241 does not begin to establish a communication line with the information center 243 to create a communication session in response to a predetermined event, which occurs before the user instructed the terminal 241 to transmit the initial data to the information center 243.

In light of the discussion above, Applicant submits that claim 6 is patentable over Kung and Kamada.

B. Claims 7-10

Since claims 7-10 depend upon claim 6, Applicant submits that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

C. Claims 11 and 12

Since claims 11 and 12 contain features that are analogous to the features discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, Applicant submits that they are patentable for similar reasons.

III. Newly added claims

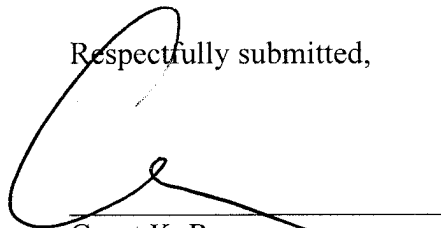
Applicant has added new claims 13-18. Since such claims depend upon claim 6, 11, or 12, Applicant submits that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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